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From: On Behalf Of Marie Wakefield

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:14 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor

Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.

Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

One of the main concerns is that important information requested by the Environmental Assessment Panel has not been provided by the mining company, despite several requests to do so. Some of the information requested has to do with the movement of water underground. There is concern that with the massive mine so close downstream from Fish Lake there is potential for the lake water to drain away into the mine. And, with the tailings impoundment held back by a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake, there is concern that water from the tailings pond could migrate into Fish Lake. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are also frustrated by a lack of proper information from the mining company. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation, who are the aboriginal owners of the territory, are strongly opposed to the New Prosperity Mine – and so am I.

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From: On Behalf Of Leelan Stanjek
Sent: August 16, 2013 12:18 AM
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The Fish Lake area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine. Fish Lake would be surrounded by the open-pit mine and unusable for the life of the mine (up to 33 years). Little Fish Lake, which is crucial to the ecosystem that supports the unique trout population, would be destroyed. How is that not hurting the environment?

What is more, the proposed mine is on the traditional lands of the Xení Gwet'in First Nation, a member of the Tsilhqot'in National Government, which won a court case recognizing its rights to the area; the Xení Gwet'in First Nation is staunchly opposed to the mine.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Leelan Stanjek

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From: On Behalf Of Andrea Sreiber

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:20 AM

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From: On Behalf Of David Shewell

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:28 AM

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Dear members of the Review Panel -

I know that Taseko has submitted a proposal substantially different from the original plan which involved using a drained Fish Lake as a tailings pond, but I don't believe the new concept (theoretically preserving Fish Lake) can avoid the serious risk of contaminating streams and groundwater.

I think the project should be abandoned.

Sincerely -

David Shewell

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From: On Behalf Of Victoria P.

Sent: August 16, 2013 2:58 AM

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Victoria P.

Ukraine

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From: On Behalf Of CHANTAL buslot

Sent: August 16, 2013 3:08 AM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To whom it concerns,

I urge you to review the project at the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. I strongly feel that this proposed mine should be rejected, once and for all!

And this why :

- The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.
- Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.
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From: On Behalf Of Danuta Watola

Sent: August 16, 2013 3:43 AM

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Please help.

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From: On Behalf Of Robert Rutkowski
Sent: August 16, 2013 3:47 AM
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The Tsilhqot'in Nation – whose territory encompasses Fish Lake, an extremely abundant trout lake located west of Williams Lake BC – are strongly opposed to the construction of the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine, which Taseko Mines Ltd. is proposing to build right next to the lake.

Many groups and individuals support the Tsilhqot'in in their efforts to protect their territory from the proposed New Prosperity mine. The proposed mine is about to undergo a public hearing as part of the federal Environmental Assessment process.

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The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

This proposed mine should be rejected, once and for all.
Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Yours sincerely,
Robert E. Rutkowski

CC:
BC Premier Christy Clark

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BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent Secretary
John Kerry

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From: On Behalf Of James Mulcare

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

It's time that we all stop being so short-sighted and preserve the environment for future generations; if it's not too late already!

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From: On Behalf Of stephen sitarski

Sent: August 16, 2013 4:16 AM

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No mining at Fish Lake!

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From: On Behalf Of Ivan Snajdar

Sent: August 16, 2013 5:38 AM

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SAVE FISH LAKE - STOP THE NEW PROSPERITY MINE!

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From: Shirley Leduc
Sent: August 16, 2013 5:46 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,
Shirley Leduc

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From: On Behalf Of steven carpenter

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From: Karen Siemens
Sent: August 16, 2013 6:25 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,
Karen Siemens

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From: On Behalf Of Mary Norton

Sent: August 16, 2013 6:32 AM

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BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Stop creating hells on earth! Stop all this death and destruction and save Fish Lake from Taseko Mines Ltd.'s open-pit mine

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From: On Behalf Of Christopher Evans
Sent: August 16, 2013 7:24 AM
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]
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From: On Behalf Of Jeaneen Andretta

Sent: August 16, 2013 7:37 AM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Please, do not allow these beautiful place to be destroyed, so many lives depend on it for life, Please save it. Thank you. Jeaneen

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From: On Behalf Of Linda Fadden
Sent: August 16, 2013 7:39 AM
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I am writing this letter to oppose the proposed open pit mine that is being considered in Fish Lake. This is a home to grizzly bears and to other wild life and fish. I lived in Dawson Creek for four years and saw first hand the pristine environment and wild life that inhabited the surrounding area.

Building a massive open pit mine and storing tailings in a huge dam is risky and potentially can cause damage to the environment and habitat. I have seen the coal mine at Tumbler Ridge and how it almost looks like a moon scape.

Words can not really explain the images and impact on me when I saw the mine.

In addition once the mine was no longer profitable it was closed leaving a town that was built around the mine with nothing economically. It has been some time since I was in the area and although I do not know what is happening there I do not want to see another pristine habitat impacted by mining. Most importantly, the Tsilhqot'in Nation is opposed to the mine. They need to be heard and respected regarding this plan.

I hope that the voices of those concerned about this mine will be considered and I also hope that as Canadians we do everything we can to ensure that our habitat is protected for future generations to enjoy. Thank-you for your time.

Respectfully,

Linda Fadden

cc:
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From: On Behalf Of ANDREAS HOBYAN

Sent: August 16, 2013 8:04 AM

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From: On Behalf Of Laura Saxon

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Please do not mess with Fish Lake. The grizzly bears would lose their home, the open pit mine would be a very bad idea, and the Tsilhqot'in Nation does not like the idea.

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From: On Behalf Of Ana Martínez

Sent: August 16, 2013 8:10 AM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Sir or Madam

I'm really sorry and deceived about Canadian's Environmental politics. It's terrible to know and to see that you are destroying so many wild areas. It would be nice to learn from Europe were we have destroyed everything and try not to repeat the same mistakes as we did.

Hope you will think about it, once soils and water are contaminated it's really difficult to recover it.

Canada it's an amazing country, please take care of it.

Yours faithfully,

Ana Martínez

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From: Genevieve LeDuc
Sent: August 16, 2013 8:32 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,
Genevieve LeDuc

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From: On Behalf Of Dave Councilman

Sent: August 16, 2013 8:35 AM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Sir or Madam:

Although I am not a Canadian citizen, I look at this lake, the surrounding land and wildlife and am amazed and captivated.

Not only is The Bass Lake area beautiful and should not be spoiled by mining, it is home to many forms of life including the grizzly bear unique to the subarctic areas of this world. Furthermore, the native peoples who have lived on this land for centuries are opposed to the project and concerned about its potential impact that includes destruction of the the land, water, and air.

Please do NOT build this mine!

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From: Marnie Blenner-Hassett
Sent: August 16, 2013 8:39 AM
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Sincerely,
Marnie Blenner-Hassett

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From: On Behalf Of Bruce & Leslie Carter

Sent: August 16, 2013 8:43 AM

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Dear Madam and/or Sir,

As you know, gold and copper mines are about as toxic as any human exploitation on our shared planet.

Allowing such a project in one of our remaining relatively healthy environments next to Fish Lake which drains into the Chilcotin River, one of our remaining relatively healthy wild salmon runs, is short-sighted and irresponsible.

Please have a look around the planet and observe what irresponsible resource exploitation has done, and is doing to our land, air, and water ... the basic elements required to sustain life as we knew it.

It's time to start thinking smaller, less destructive economic development projects that help build, sustainable, resilient, local communities/economies.

Please respect the position of the Tsilhqot'in Nation who have defended and nurtured the region for millennia.

We are not opposed to truly responsible resource development, but this proposal is even worse than the first proposal that was thoroughly studied, reviewed, assessed ... and correctly rejected as the potential negative impacts far exceed the short-term economic benefits for few.

Please reject the New Prosperity Mine proposal ... wrong project, wrong place, wrong century!

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Bruce & Leslie Carter

P.S. We can no longer drink the water from the lake we live at either ... sound familiar?

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Sent: August 16, 2013 8:56 AM
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Kim LeDuc

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From: On Behalf Of Nathan Wootten

Sent: August 16, 2013 9:00 AM

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed New Prosperity mine. It is not acceptable to risk contamination of Fish Lake.

This project was rejected once and should never have been considered a second time. With the decline in world prices of copper and gold, this project is not necessary or economically viable. Put a stop to this mine which is opposed by the Tsilhqot'in Nation.

Sincerely,

Nathan Wootten

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-----Original Message-----

From: On Behalf Of michael krisinger
Sent: August 16, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]
Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:
BC Premier Christy Clark
BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Federal Review Panel,

I am strongly opposed to the construction of the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine, which Taseko Mines Ltd. is proposing to build right next to Fish lake.

First, building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky. If you just begin to look into the mining records these mining projects in Canada and elsewhere always leak and turn into environmental disasters costing tax payers huge amounts of money, often on an indefinite time scale. These projects are short sighted profit gains for the companies involved and long term money drains on society.

Second, the Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly. They deserve to have the final say as it IS their land.

Finally, the area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine. But that is almost a minor point as who still really cares about preserving biodiversity... well I do, but I assume most "higher ups" will make this the least of their concerns. Think about it - every big project that encroaches on the wild environments turns the screw down on another habitat sustaining other species that also have a right to exist. Human have taken up enough space. It is time we reuse are resources and become less dependent on a linear pathway of extraction to waste attitude.

cheers,
mike

Michael J. Krisinger, Ph.D.

Instructor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Office 4207, D.H. COPP building

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From: Elizabeth Mitchell
Sent: August 16, 2013 9:33 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Michaud,

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The current proposal would surround Fish Lake (Teztan Biny in Tsilhqot'in) with the second largest open pit gold and copper mine in Canada, closing it for 33 years and putting this important fish habitat at risk of contamination. Little Fish Lake would be destroyed. The many rivers and tributaries that flow from Fish Lake would face contamination risk including Fish Creek, the Taseko River, the Chilko River, the Chilcotin River and finally the Fraser River, fundamental to the life cycle of wild Pacific salmon. The project also threatens at-risk grizzly bear populations, as noted in the first federal environmental assessment.

The Tsilhqot'in National Government strongly opposes this proposal because it would contaminate critical traditional lands and waters and impact the cultural survival of the Tsilhqot'in people.

Fish Lake would never have been threatened in the first place were it not for an amendment to Canada's Fisheries Act in 2002 allowing natural lakes and creeks to be used as tailings ponds. I also urge the federal government to close this legislative loophole and protect our fish-bearing lakes once and for all.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mitchell

From: Mark M Giese
Sent: August 16, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Michaud,Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,
Mark M Giese

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From: On Behalf Of Wesley Price

Sent: August 16, 2013 10:06 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel,

A simple cost-benefit analysis regarding this project is insufficient to understand what is at stake here. There must be an altogether different reference point than the standard risk/reward comparison.

I propose this project does not go forward because it has the real and likely potential to undermine an ecosystem which took hundreds of millenia to create. An ecosystem whose value, strangely enough, is overlooked in order look at what may lie beneath it.

This is a myopic perspective. Acid Mine Drainage is not benovolent.

Please conserve through preservation.

Sincerely,

Wesley D. Price

Founder- Cape Cod Mushroom Club

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From: On Behalf Of Glen Cathcart

Sent: August 16, 2013 11:15 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have just returned from Fish Lake. This was my second trip there. It was inspired by the experience of my first.

I could send along some pretty pictures - leaping trout, brilliant sunsets, stunning mountains - but the world is full of pretty pictures of beautiful places. They never do justice to the place itself or the experience of being there.

I don't envy your task of making decisions of this import, but I know that they need to be made with full understanding. Until you experience the place yourself, you will never have that understanding. All the reports and letters such as this that you read won't provide it.

Before you make a decision on Prosperity Mine, please take the time to spend a few days at Fish Lake.

Go on your own or take a friend or two for company.

Take a canoe or kayak and paddle the lake. Hear the call of the loons and watch the eagles and osprey hunt. Listen to the wind build over the lake and watch clouds form along the mountain tops. Stand by a First Nations smoke lodge and wonder of things that have happened there for thousands of years.

Then think about never being able to enjoy that experience in that place again.

Sincerely,

Glen Cathcart

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From: On Behalf Of peter frang
Sent: August 16, 2013 11:16 AM
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CC:
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

having lived in a mining town in the 50s and 60s and 70s(Yellowknife NT) and seen the long term impact of this kind of activity on terms of human and nature i would consider this project ill advised. claiming that the standards and technology etc. is now so much much more advanced why is it that former mining sites have not long since been cleaned up and all the accidentally and cancer dead brought back to life? and then open pit on top of everything else. this can only be catastrophe waiting to happen. tailings do not stay put. if they do not get carried away by water they can dry up and in the form of the fine dust which it is, spread by wind any amount of distance.(as a little aside: dust from north africa gets blown to south america). to my knowledge tailings are poisonous.
if not extremely so.
if this is the best you can propose i suggest you leave the minerals in the ground and allow nature to go about its business.

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From: On Behalf Of kenn goldman

Sent: August 16, 2013 11:31 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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CC:

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

No mining, please!!!

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From: On Behalf Of Elisabeth Bechmann

Sent: August 16, 2013 11:38 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

- The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.
- Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.
- The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

Sincerely,

Dt. Elisabeth Bechmann

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From: On Behalf Of Louise Taylor

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:05 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to urge you to not proceed with this mine. The First Nations firmly oppose this mine and have been saying so for many years. The mine risks contaminating Fish Lake and the so-called mitigation measures are too risky and we have seen too many industrial accidents over the years to believe that companies will step up to the plate to prevent and to clean up after such accidents.

I am also very concerned about the grizzly bears whose habitat will be ruined.

Thank you in advance for listening to my objections to this project. Best regards,

Louise Taylor

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From: On Behalf Of John Hasenack

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:07 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.

Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

Please stop the proposed mine as future generations will never be able to return the land to the way it is now.

Thank you,

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From: On Behalf Of Anne Marie Weiss

Sent: August 16, 2013 12:52 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I would like to include my opinion on the mining development at Fish Lake. I am opposed to it because of its impact on the natural environment. It would threaten fish stocks and grizzly bear habitat. I believe the wilderness of BC needs to be preserved for future generations. Beautiful BC forever!

Why not create a park and develop tourism instead. Sustainable development is the answer.

Thank you for reading this email.

Anne Marie Weiss

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From: On Behalf Of Linda Kemp

Sent: August 16, 2013 1:20 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

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BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Sirs, I am opposed to development which will endanger Fish Lake. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly. Their wishes should be listened to. The area is a Grizzly bear area and the project would put them at risk. I feel that building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky. Any tailings storage is an environmental disaster waiting to happen. Also the very few jobs created are too few to make the risks worth taking. Thank you. Linda Kemp

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From: On Behalf Of Danielle Tran

Sent: August 16, 2013 1:46 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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CC:

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BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to you asking you to save Fish Lake located west of Williams Lake, BC) from being ruined by a massive open-pit gold and copper mine being proposed by Taseko Mines.

I understand Taseko's original proposal – called Prosperity Mine – was renamed “New Prosperity Mine after reworking its plans.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation, who are the aboriginal owners of the territory, are strongly opposed to the New Prosperity Mine – and so am I.

One of my main concerns is that important information requested by the Environmental Assessment Panel has not been provided by the mining company, despite several requests to do so. Some of the information requested has to do with the movement of water underground. There is concern that with the massive mine so close downstream from Fish Lake there is potential for the lake water to drain away into the mine. And, with the tailings impoundment held back by a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake, there is concern that water from the tailings pond could migrate into Fish Lake. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are also frustrated by a lack of proper information from the mining company.

Please save Fish Lake from Taseko Mines Ltd.'s open-pit mine plans. Thank you.

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From: On Behalf Of Frances Dietz

Sent: August 16, 2013 1:46 PM

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CC:

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Although I understand certain aspects of progress and that you cannot stop progress from happening, it is totally unacceptable to allow a development from happening that is going to be risky and dangerous to the environment and LIFE depending on that environment for sustenance. I just do not comprehend pushing local interests out of the equation of a project, especially when the project itself has the possibility of leaving behind a terribly destructive legacy.

Please do not allow this New Prosperity Mine to happen. There must be a better way to get rid of those deadly tailings; storing them in the proposed manner is just creating a disaster waiting to happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: On Behalf Of Ella Reeves

Sent: August 16, 2013 1:49 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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CC:

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Review Panel,

I write you this email to ask for Fish Lake to be saved from being ruined by a massive open-pit gold and copper mine being proposed by Taseko Mines.

Even with the changes Taseko has made to its original proposal called Prosperity Mine, their rework under the name of "New Prosperity Mine" cause serious concern. I'm in good company, because the aboriginal owners of the territory, the Tsilhqot'in Nation, are also strongly opposed to the New Prosperity Mine.

One of my main concerns is that important information requested by the Environmental Assessment Panel has not been provided by the mining company, despite several requests to do so. Some of the information requested has to do with the movement of water underground. There is concern that with the massive mine so close downstream from Fish Lake there is potential for the lake water to drain away into the mine. And, with the tailings impoundment held back by a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake, there is concern that water from the tailings pond could migrate into Fish Lake. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are also frustrated by a lack of proper information from the mining company.

I urge you to save Fish Lake from Taseko Mines Ltd.'s open-pit mine plans.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Ella Reeves

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From: On Behalf Of George Neste

Sent: August 16, 2013 2:04 PM

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From: On Behalf Of Dave Hutch

Sent: August 16, 2013 2:11 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear review Panel,

I am writing to express my concern with regards to the proposed New Prosperity mine. Serious risks cannot be mitigated and the support of key stakeholders has not been garnered.

The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine. Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

All of this outweighs the economic value this mine would bring to the region.

Please reject this proposal.

Dave Hutch

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From: Tony Lyttle
Sent: August 16, 2013 2:40 PM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: *****SPAM***** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Mr. Michaud,

Please turn down Taseko Mines Ltd.'s proposed "New Prosperity" gold and copper mine in the Cariboo-Chilcotin. By Taseko's own admission, this new proposed mine would be even more environmentally damaging than the original mine rejected by the federal government in November, 2010.

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Sincerely,
Tony Lyttle

-----Original Message-----

From: On Behalf Of Dan Durston

Sent: August 16, 2013 6:15 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Please don't go ahead with the new prosperity mine. The benefits it may provide are ephemeral, while the impact is permanent. The right long term decision is to preserve the environment for the next generation.

Best,

Dan Durston

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From: On Behalf Of Daphne Tobler

Sent: August 16, 2013 9:35 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I would like to add my name to the opposition to building an open pit mine near Fish Lake and to the storing of tailings upstream. When are we going to understand that we humans are blessed with brains that should be used to save the environment. Instead we are intent on destroying anything that might get in the way of producing more wealth - and of course - jobs.

Surely we can produce jobs and reduce some of our search for better and better living without being destroyers.

Sincerely - Daphne Tobler

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From: On Behalf Of D. Lynn Chapman
Sent: August 16, 2013 11:13 PM
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]
Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Prosperity Mine. Ironically the prosperity being proposed will not accrue to the Tsilhqotin First Nation who will suffer the environmental harms that the mine will produce. In my view the risks to Fish Lake from the tailings pond are unacceptable. The likelihood of leakage or spills cannot be mitigated especially over time and once the prosperity has all been mined the damage will be left for others to deal with. Threats to grizzly bear habitat and the health and stability of the local grizzly bear population are also unacceptable. Once their habitat is reduced, compromised or destroyed they will have nowhere to go and will perish. This harm cannot be mitigated either as it is an indication of ecosystem collapse. Please deny the application and reject the Prosperity mine proposal. Thank you.
D. Lynn Chapman

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